DECISION DOCUMENT

ROUND 5 – Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (P. L. 105-263)

The signature of the Secretary of the Interior below approves that portion of the Final Recommendation for Round 5 submitted by the SNPLMA Executive Committee for the park, trail, and natural area; capital improvement; conservation initiative; and environmentally sensitive land expenditure categories available under the SNPLMA as amended by Public Law 107-282. This decision covers the expenditures and other authorizations outlined below.

- The expenditures of \$253,092,312 for parks, trails, and natural areas in cooperation with local
 and regional governments; \$5,217,200 for new allowed costs for park, trail, and natural area
 projects approved in Rounds 1-4; \$97,293,394 for capital improvements; \$53,250,972 for
 conservation initiatives; and \$47,139,810 for acquisition of environmentally sensitive land; for a
 total of \$455,993,688 from the SNPLMA Special Account for these expenditure categories in
 Round 5.
 - a. The budget figures above include the sum of the estimated costs for projects and acquisitions and the project figures include an additional 10%, which funds may be expended at a 10% maximum per project to cover the difference between estimated and actual costs without further approval.
 - b. Ten percent expenditure over estimated costs for land acquisitions is authorized. These funds are not included in the budget because the funds needed to cover the contingency costs are generally available as a result of acquisitions completed below the approved amount or due to acquisitions that cannot be completed.
 - c. The amounts approved are in addition to the amounts approved for each category in previous rounds. Any amount not required to complete the projects and acquisitions approved in prior rounds will be available in the same expenditure category for Round 5.
- The establishment of a reserve within the Special Account in the amount of \$15,000,000 is approved for expenditure at the discretion of the SNPLMA Executive Committee, where special circumstances warrant, toward allowable expenditures authorized by the SNPLMA and in accordance with the Implementation Agreement. This Special Account Reserve (SAR) shall be available during Round 5 only.
- 3. The Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, Land Sales & Acquisitions Division will issue task orders for approved projects and acquisitions. Due to the nature of conservation initiative projects, as funds become available, the total amount budgeted shall be set aside for conservation initiative projects before funding is made available for task orders for the remainder of the Round 5 projects and acquisitions approved herein. Thereafter, task orders shall be issued in the order presented in the attached tables, based upon availability of funds, and in accordance with the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement.

APPROVED:

Gale/A. Norton

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